

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A preparation which comprises an outermost layer wherein a water-soluble drug is dispersed in a carrier comprising a biologically non-degradable hydrophobic polymer material, and one or more inner layer(s) wherein a water-soluble drug, which is different or different in concentration thereof from the drug contained in the outermost layer, is dispersed in a carrier comprising a biologically non-degradable hydrophobic polymer material, and in which the outermost and inner layer(s) are concentrically located in diametral direction of a rod-like preparation, both or one of the ends in axial direction are open so as to directly come into contact with the environment and the outermost layer directly contacts with the environment in the diametrical direction.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A preparation as claimed in claim 1~~ A preparation which comprises an outermost layer wherein a water-soluble drug is dispersed in a carrier comprising a biologically non-degradable hydrophobic polymer material, and one or more inner layer(s) wherein a water-soluble drug, which is different or different in concentration thereof from the drug contained in the outermost layer, is dispersed in a carrier comprising a biologically non-degradable hydrophobic polymer material, and in which the outermost and inner layer(s) are concentrically located in diametral direction of a rod-like preparation, both or one of the ends in axial direction are open so as to directly come into contact with the environment and the outermost layer directly contacts with the environment in the diametrical direction, and wherein a layer consisting of only biologically non-degradable hydrophobic polymer material exists between the one or more inner

~~layers~~ layer(s) in which a water-soluble drug is dispersed and the outermost layer, or between two inner layers in which a water-soluble drug is dispersed.

3. **(Currently Amended)** A preparation as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein each of the outermost layer and the inner layer(s) in which a water-soluble drug is dispersed, contains a different water-soluble drug.

4. **(Currently Amended)** A preparation as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein each of the outermost layer and the inner layer(s) in which a water-soluble drug is dispersed, contains a different concentration of the same water-soluble drug.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the outermost layer or inner layer(s) contains two or more water-soluble drugs.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the biologically non-degradable hydrophobic polymer is silicone.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A preparation as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the outermost layer or inner layer(s) contains two or more water-soluble drugs.

8. **(Previously Presented)** A preparation as claimed in claim 2, wherein the biologically non-degradable hydrophobic polymer material is silicone.